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REAL DEVONSHIRE CIDER from Symons
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SYMONIA CIDER,
\$2.50 per dozen.
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HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1892. [30]

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IN the Manufacture of these Waters the purest
ingredients only are used, and the utmost
care and cleanliness exercised throughout. The
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FOR COAST PORTS.
Waters are packed and placed on board at
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SUMMER BEVERAGES.
FRUIT CORDIALS.—Raspberry, Straw-
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Currant, Pine Apple, Orleans Plum, Morella
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FRUIT SYRUPS.—Lemon, Lime Juice,
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Prepared from genuine fruit juices imported
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Water, they make delicious summer-drinks.

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WINES AND SPIRITS.

Wines, Sherries, Tarets, Burgundies, Hocks,
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Rum and Liqueurs.
A large selection of choice old brands.
Full particulars and prices on application.

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VIN DE QUINQUINA.
A medicinal wine AGREEABLE TO THE
TASTE containing the valuable properties of
Cinchona Bark combined with a choice brand
of Red Wine.
Its powerful antifebrile qualities tend to ward
off attacks of Malaria (ever) and to all con-
valescents—it acts as a quick restorative and
appetizer.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 21st July, 1892.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1892.

VOLUNTEER HUMBUS.

THE confidential report of the Volunteer
Committee which was supplied to a local
contemporary by somebody who, under the
circumstances, richly deserves to be
tared and feathered, has formed a general
and amusing theme of conversation and
discussion for the past few days and has
created quite a little typhoon in our
amateur military circles. Who was
dishonourable enough to hand over the
confidential document to the paper in
question can only be surmised, although
to us the individuality of the person stands
out almost as clearly as the object he
hoped to attain by his treachery; but it
is sufficient to know that the Hongkong
Government distinctly repudiates having
anything to do with it. The report in
question is a very voluminous one, and is
highly flattering to the exuberant verbosity
of Mr. C. J. HOLLIDAY and his persevering
henchman, ex-Captain FRANCIS, Q.C.; but
as a practical solution of the Volunteer
problem in Hongkong it is almost too
absurd for serious consideration. These
two modern warriors and holiday patriots
have devised and propounded a scheme
for introducing into the colony a high-class
military burlesque—possibly with good
intentions, but more probably influenced
by that extraordinary vanity which some
men cannot resist of constantly standing
in the fierce light of publicity arrayed in
borrowed plumes—in which they will get
all the credit and *hady* at the expense of
the rate-payers. But it will not do. The
new Volunteer scheme, as set out in this
report, is a silly dream of infatuated
faddists, and must be summarily relegated
to the dust-bin of disappointed hopes.
We shall expose its utter foolishness in a
very few lines, although very doubtful
whether it is even worth while taking the
trouble to devote valuable time and space
to a farce which condemns itself.

Volunteering has never been a marked

success in Hongkong for reasons easily
understood and which are elaborated in
the report now under review—heavier
work in offices than at home, longer
business hours, frequent Sunday work, no
regular weekly half-holiday, a trying
climate, a paucity of outdoor amusements,
etc. The utility of the Force as a working
auxiliary to the military in the event of an
attack on the island, commensurate with
its cost, was a doubtful question in 1878
when the Volunteer Artillery Corps was
first formed; it is even more a matter of
doubt now, after fourteen years' experience,
and especially when it is remembered that
the regular garrison has since
then been almost doubled in strength and
is alleged, by military authorities
who ought to know, to be adequate for
all probable requirements. In
our opinion it is almost beyond the
bounds of possibility that Hongkong will
ever be seriously threatened by a hostile
force, but if such an improbable event should
ever come to pass, our defence will rest
mainly on our Fleet. If our men-of-war
are unable to repel invaders, it may safely
be relied on that a line regiment, a few
batteries of Artillery, "Our Very Own"
Indian contingent, and a handful of
Volunteers will have a very poor chance of
safe-guarding an island eleven miles in
length which along its entire southern
coast-line is utterly defenceless.

But were it not palpable that Volunteers
in Hongkong, taking them at their best,
are really not required, the proposals of
Messrs. HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS directly
tend to smother the small but compact
and well-drilled body of artillerymen who
now exist as the result of fourteen years'
hard work, and who certainly have some
claims to public consideration. This pre-
cious Committee (HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS)
recommend the disbandment of the present
Artillery Corps, and they say they do this
at the suggestion of its Commandant,
Captain J. McCALLUM. We decline to
believe that Captain McCALLUM ever
suggested anything of the sort; that he
may have been talked over into acquiescing
in such an unwarranted proposal is barely
probable, but even if that is so—had not the
other officers, the non-commissioned officers
and privates of the Corps a right to be con-
sulted? The entire business suggests a dirty
job, which is only intensified by Mr. FRANCIS'
lame and labored letter of explanation in
our evening contemporary. The Volunteer
Artillery is badly in need of recruits,
but with a little beating up a total
strength of one hundred men could
without difficulty be achieved, and that
is more than sufficient for all the
amateur soldiering we are ever likely
to make any effective use of. If the
Hongkong Government will place the
present Headquarters of the Corps in
something like decent order, assist and
encourage the men in making the place a
popular rendezvous as well as a drill-hall
and store for the guns, ammunition, etc.,
light up Murray Battery with electricity
and place it solely at the disposal of the
Volunteers, make a present of the seven-
pounder pop-guns to the Chinese, and in
a few other respects take some active
interest in the welfare and progress of the
corps—then the Volunteer difficulty will
have been satisfactorily solved.

It is only fair to record that both ex-
Major CHARLES J. HOLLIDAY and ex-
Captain JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Q.C.,
have military records which are entitled
to respect. The former, we believe, was
for years Commandant of the Shanghai
Volunteers and bears the reputation of a
most active and highly efficient officer;
the latter as a soldier had a distinguished
career in the Commissariat, and since
then did good work as a Captain of our
local Volunteer Artillery. But even
against the military opinions of such tried
and proved heroes, the line must be
drawn somewhere, and we draw it
rigidly at a proposal which includes an
initial expenditure of \$10,000 and an
annual outlay of \$20,000 for what?
Two or three little clubs of friends, who
can strut about in uniform and have a
good time generally at the colony's
expense. "Why not let the members of
the Hong Kong Club bring themselves
'shoulder to shoulder' and form one
battery out of members of the Club only?"
asks the great Volunteer reformer in the
China Mail; meaning thereby—"We are
the people. We want no d—d store-
keepers and men who work honestly for
their living in our ranks—but only
merchants (who sell whisky by the case
like any ordinary retailer), hong-men,
'busted' brokers, bar-lookers and general
honesty, and then we shall be a very
happy family. Nobody can associate in
our crowd without being subjected to a
regular ballad, and should we at any time
be called out to fight we decline to be
shot at in company with—ah! vulgar shop-
keepers, by-god! And all this contemptible
snobbery is seriously recommended to the
Government, because it is said to be done
in Shanghai. The daily incessant chatter
about everybody and everything in
Shanghai being superlative makes us sick;
we have been there and know better.

The expense alone would kill Messrs.
HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS' scheme, even had
it something sensible to recommend it,
which it certainly has not. When Maxim
guns have to be used by the Club-Volunteers
against an invading force, the time will
have arrived to make terms with the
enemy. But the principal things the
proposed new Volunteer companies appear
to aim at—through Messrs. HOLLIDAY
and FRANCIS—are social pleasures
for everybody, and gaudy uniforms for
the officers, the number of whom—
admitted to be double what would be
required in the Regulars. Mr. HOLLIDAY
wants the City Club and a godown
adjoining, to be used as a drill-hall, at a
rental of \$4,200 per annum. He says that
the City Club is about to be wound up—
which will be news to the members of that
institution which has just issued a circular to
the contrary effect;—and that the whole of

the stock of furniture, billiard tables,
bowling alleys, etc., may be taken over
at \$1,000 at most, which is a gross
and egregious misrepresentation of
fact. But the uniform branch of the
question is the most amusing of all. The
Committee solemnly recommends that
officers and non-commissioned officers
should wear altered instead of gold
laced; that the uniform of the rank
and file should cost \$37 and that of the
officers (paid for by the Govern-
ment) only \$298.45; that it is
desirable the officers, at their own cost,
should provide a mess uniform costing
over \$100—and there is a good deal more
rubbish of this sort in the report which
we have no inclination to deal with.

It is satisfactory to know that Major-
General DIBY BAKER has come down on
this Hong Kong Volunteer Reform movement
with the violence of a thousand bricks, and
that the scheme, as presented, has been
completely tabooed. And so it ought to
be. If Messrs. HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS
are anxious for a bit of amateur soldiering
for their own aggrandisement and amuse-
ment, and to pander to their childish
vanity, let them do it at their own
expense. The community pays a heavy
contribution for its defence, by the
regular troops, and it is for the
British Government to see that their
defence is sufficient. Hongkong has no
use for feather-bed warriors who require
Chinese coolies to do all the hard work,
it can't afford to specially charter Club
dandles to make exhibitions of themselves
in uniform at all public functions. It is
quite satisfied with the present garrison,
and trusts that Governor ROBINSON will at
once put a stop to all this humbug, and
sell the dozen Maxim guns to the War
Office at the best price obtainable.

TELEGRAMS.

DESTITUTE ALIEN PASSENGERS.

LONDON, August 30th.
An order made by the British Government
obliges owners of all ships to keep filthy and
destitute alien passengers on board their
respective ships, unless these are able to furnish
the exact details of their destination.

THE CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

Cholera has now appeared in Dundee, South
Shields, and Berlin. In Havre it is very severe.

RESULT OF THE ST. LEGER.

September 7th.
The Doncaster St. Leger Stakes of 25,000
each, for three years old; colts and fillies (St.
11th), the winner of the second to receive 200,000,
and the third 100,000, out of the stakes; Old
St. Leger course (about one mile, six furlongs,
and 132 yards) 230 subs.

Baron Hirsch's b. f. La Fleche, by St. Simon
—Quiver—
Lord Bradford's ch. c. Sir Hugo, by Wisdom
—Manoeuvre—
Baron Hirsch's br. c. Watercress, by Spring-
field—Wharfedale—

STILL THEY COME.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor
Ortiz, Spanish Consul, for the following
telegram—

MANILA, 8th September, 7.50 p.m.
There is another extensive depression to the
north of Luzon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE proper thing for a jury is to be firm, but
not fixed.

A contemporary says "the bride-groom's gift
to the bride was an elegant brooch, besides other
beautiful things in cut glass."

THE Eastern and Australian Co's steamer
Memphis, Capt. Hugh Craig, with the Australian
mail, arrived in port this afternoon.

A YOUNG engineer in India is said to have
invented a flying-machine, and intends giving a
series of exhibitions at Calcutta in October.

THE number of telephones in service in the
United States is \$12,407, and the total length of
line is 253,800 miles, or about 107 times the
circumference of the earth.

In Singapore when a European constable gets
drunk and is taken up before the magistrate for
the offence, he is sent to prison for two months.
Such was the fate of one Matheson on the 30th
ultimo.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge,
No. 1164, E.C., will be held in Freemasons'
Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday, the 10th inst.,
at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren
are cordially invited.

Editor—How is it that in your report of the
fire the other night you used the expression,
"The fire was caused by the fire department?"
Reporter—It was because the fire department
had only short hose to use.

THE Stanley Opera Company arrived from
Shanghai this afternoon by the P. & O.'s
Steamer Aden, and will appear at the Theatre
Royal to-night in Gilbert and Celler's comic
opera "The Mountebanks."

THE Pfandenthenschiffahrtsgesellschaft
contemplate taking a trip in the near future over
the Electric Light Railway between the
shaft, the announcement of which recently
appeared in a German-American paper.

CAPT. A. Marshall, R.N.R., courteously informs
us that he received telegraphic advice this morning
that the *Campania*, the first of the two huge
12,000-ton steamers, now under construction for
the Cunard Line, was safely launched yesterday
at Fairfield.

"My dear sir," said the doctor, "if you will go
on drinking like that you'll get—"
"Well, what?" snapped the old man. "The technical
name for it is *delirium tremens*—makes I
suppose, but I don't know."

THE *Financial Observer* of July 30th says:—
In reference to last week's article upon the
unfortunate Oriental Bank, a correspondent writes
to us a vulgar, untruthful, and unkind
about, writes approvingly to the full the remarks
we made. Furthermore he reminds us that
Mr. Walton not only promoted the concern of
which he has now been appointed liquidator,
but also became the auditor of the new bank.
The shareholders will do well not to forget these
facts. Our correspondent fully endorses what
we said as to the losses being very heavy. He
remarks that it is stated that a second mortgage
of £1,000,000 on a West End theatre is one of the
assets of the bank. This is hardly the sort of business
for an Oriental Bank to engage in.

Mrs. Fondparent—My baby doesn't eat.
What's the best thing to produce an appetite?
Old Soak—A gin-cocktail, of course.

THE *Daily Advertiser* regrets to hear that,
owing to continued depression, several mercan-
tile houses in Singapore contemplate reducing
their establishments.

THE hearing at the Supreme Court of the appeal
against the decision of the magistrate (Mr.
Hastings) in the seizure of seven chests of
opium in the harbour by the Water Police
recently is fixed for 2 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

ADVISED from Yokohama state that Harimatsu's
Circus has been doing excellent business there
during the past fortnight, their performances
being received nightly with great enthusiasm. It
is Mr. Harimatsu's intention to open for a short
season in Shanghai before returning to Hong-
kong.

THE Singapore *Free Press* of the 31st ult.
says:—A python measuring 16 feet in length
was lately captured in the godown of Messrs. D.
Brandt & Co. A snake hardly a few feet long
was missed by Mr. Engler, one of the partners
about a year ago, and the python now in Messrs.
Brandt & Co.'s godown is supposed to be the
identical one.

THE British steamer *Marjulia* arrived at
Singapore on August 30th from Kutchikan
bringing 1,400 tons of Japanese coal for the
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, which makes it evident
that the Japanese are striving hard to extend
their coal trade and will not yield their Far
Eastern supremacy in the business without a
severe struggle.

"ALL BADA AND THE Forty Robbers," in local
Portuguese, was to be performed by the Regina
Theatrical Company at the Theatre, Hall, Jalan
Besar, Singapore, on the 3rd inst. under the
patronage of Major MacCallum, R.E., and the
Officers of the Singapore Volunteer Artillery.
In local Portuguese, which is doubtless a new
language, is decidedly good.

A JAVA contemporary reports that Mr. Workman,
who was bitten some months ago by a mad dog
in Semarang, went to Saigon to undergo the
Pasteur treatment in the Institute there, and
returned to Java thinking he had been cured. A
few days ago he was obliged to be removed to
the military hospital at Semarang, where he
died after severe suffering from the consequences
of the bite.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry
will play the following programme at the Barrack
Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—

Picks:—"Stephens," "Fidellio."
Quadrille:—"Queenstown," "Godfrey."
The "Colonel," "Bacchante."
Lancers:—"Beautiful," "Bouquet."
Quadrille:—"The Bird," "Lips," "Swiss."
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March:—"Die Oudille," "Faut."

THE smallest, simplest, and best protected post-
office in the world is in the Straits of Magellan,
and has been there for many years. It consists
of a small painted keg or cask, and is chained
to the rocks of the extreme end of the
cape, in a manner so that it floats free,
opposite Tierra del Fuego. Each passing
ship sends a boat to take letters out
and put others in. This curious post-office
is supplied with a postmaster, and is there-
fore under the protection of all the navies of the
world. Never in the history of this unique
office has its privilege been abused.

THE *Sourabaya Courant* reports that three
steam launches belonging to the Rajah of Lombok
have been taken possession of by the Dutch
Government. The Rajah was towing two of them
to Soerabaya, the *Sri Mataram*, and another, when
the nameless one disappeared during the night.
It is supposed to have sprung a leak;—there was
nobody on board. The *Jawa* and the *Ashik*
searched for the missing launch in vain. The
third launch, called *Sri Takra*, was towed to
Soerabaya by the Government steamer *Relger*.
The English Captain, engineers, &c., of the
Lombok boats remained behind at Ampenan.
They were not forced to leave, but the Dutch
would rather have them away from the place.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.
Torrington steamer, from Probolinggo.
Borneo " " Batavia.
Ethiopia " " Singapore.
Yuenkong " " Canton.
Frotes " " Canton.

Aggregating 7,119 tons, register.
Outward.
Adju steamer, for Holhow.
Phra C. Kiao " " Swatow.
Chang Hya Teng " " Amoy.

Aggregating 2,415 tons, register.

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adopted by Japanese writers of works of fiction,
but when we read on we find that the purpose
of the story is not to deal with fiction but to set
forth facts. Very painful facts they are, too.
The scene is laid in a school in Tokyo. There
is no mistaking the school, though its name is
not given. Neither is there any difficulty in
identifying the male characters of the tale.
They, too, appear under disguised appellations,
but the disguise is so cleverly devised that a
misconception is out of question. The story
turns upon that old, old pivot, woman. One of
the students was a girl so beautiful that the
youths of the neighbourhood used to wait for her
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a foreign teacher. Apparently she returned his
affection. Discovery came, and she was expelled.
But the tragedy, which had wrought her ruin,
remained undisturbed at its post. The other
students naturally rebelled against this injustice.
They did not see why the girl should suffer
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turned a deaf ear to their remonstrances, and
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to be illustrated in a *fin de siècle* manner in
Russia. A German Socialist organ complains
bitterly of the uncompromising methods adopted
by the secret proceedings of socialistic bodies,
and is especially indignant that a large number
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BOAT RACE.

At 5 p.m. last night an exciting boat race took place between crews from the flag ship *Victor Emmanuel* and the *Porpoise*. The course was from Kaitia Island to the *Manana*, a good mile. The *Porpoise* men have had a new boat built to the design of their carpenter. This boat is named the *Suey* in reference to the name of the mother craft. The *Vic* men pulled in their well known boat *Mystery*, but the new boat was too well manned, having the advantage from the start to the finish, and winning easily by three lengths in splendid form. In the evening both crews adjourned to the Royal Navy Club, where a capital repast was provided by Mr. C. Borham, the Steward, after which Mr. Dewar, gunner of the *Porpoise*, took the chair, and the music was continued until late hours, when the proceedings were brought to a close in appropriate style.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Eastern and Australian Co.'s steamship *Albatross*, Capt. H. Craig, from Sydney, via ports of call, arrived in port this afternoon. We extract the subjoined telegrams from our Australian exchanges:—

LONDON, August 12th.

A great rising of natives in Central Africa has taken place. The regions of Upper Congo and Katanga are those in which this movement has made most headway, and there the Belgian stations have been sacked and destroyed by the rebels, and the European agents and native adherents killed.

August 13th.

Grave details have been received of the Arab rising in Africa. A general revolt has taken place in the Upper Congo. The Arab chief, Umalla, is commanding the rebel natives. The revolt extends from Tanganyika to Victoria Nyasaland and the Upper Lomami. The stations of the Anti-Slavery Society on the Congo, and of the trading companies, have been destroyed.

It is believed that Mr. Hodister, the director of the Katanga Company, has been either killed or captured.

August 14th.

Later advices from the Congo state that the Arabs tortured Mr. Hodister for three days, and then beheaded him.

Later.

It is feared that 20 agents of the Katanga Company have been killed by the rebel natives in that district.

The steamer *Bernard* has also been captured by the natives.

The tribes along the western bank of the Congo are in revolt. At Nyangwe three agents were killed. On the Upper Lomami the Belgian stations have been destroyed.

The French expeditions to Tanganyika, headed by M. Jacques and M. Joubert, have been driven back.

It is feared that the Arabs about Stanley Falls will also become hostile to the Europeans.

The detachment of soldiers has been sent to Arushini.

The honour of knighthood has been conferred on Mr. Henry Seymour King, C.I.E., Conservative member of Parliament for Kingston-on-Hull, and a London banker and a East India agent.

August 15th.

An answer has been received by the Indian Government from the Amir Abdur Rahman in regard to the state of affairs in Afghanistan. It is regarded as satisfactory. The Amir is now aware of the Russian policy with regard to the Pamirs, and also of the fact of Russia having asserted her rights to Shighnan.

The situation is causing a fall in the prices of Government securities in Calcutta, though the fear of a positive rupture with the Amir have subsided.

The native villages in the vicinity of Jellalabad have revolted.

The Uzbeks are migrating to Russia.

M. Stambouloff, the Bulgarian Premier, visited Stamboul at the Sultan's request. The Sultan treated him in princely style, and declared that he would recognize Prince Ferdinand as ruler of Bulgaria at the proper moment.

M. Stambouloff showed the Sultan the documents which he obtained from Jacoboff, a Russian dragoman, and which, it is alleged, implicate the Russian Government in the attempts on the life of Prince Ferdinand.

Russia, through the medium of the French Ambassador in Constantinople, requested the Sultan to abstain from holding an interview with M. Stambouloff.

The documents obtained by M. Stambouloff from the Russian dragoman show that Elitchev, the Russian Minister at Bucharest, wrote to the Foreign Office in St. Petersburg proposing to remove Prince Ferdinand by means of a revolutionary committee—or by the use of dynamite, hence the Russian bombs which were discovered some time ago. The Foreign Office had previously informed M. Elitchev that it regarded Prince Ferdinand as beyond the pale of all laws, and hinted that he should seek tools to remove him.

The town of Bolivar, in Bolivia, has been captured by the rebels by means of stratagem. They drew the garrison out under the pretence of flight.

August 16th.

The cholera has spread to Finland, and the recorded death rate amounts to over three hundred daily.

Four thousand Finnish cabmen have struck for higher wages. The drivers of omnibuses threaten to follow suit unless their demands are complied with.

The rebellion in Afghanistan continues to spread, and the Indian Government has offered to assist the Amir in its suppression. Late intelligence regarding the movements of Russia in this part of the world is to the effect that the Pamir Plateau, right up to the Hindoo Koosh mountains, has been occupied by Russian troops, and that military posts have been established at Akdash, twenty-five miles north of Kilik Pass. The Indian Government has despatched a number of British officers to watch the Russian movements.

LONDON, August 15th.

Another dangerous Russian plot has been discovered in the nick of time, having for its object the assassination of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria. It is stated that facts have come to light showing beyond doubt that Russian officials (presumably acting for a higher authority) are the prime movers in the affair.

A great strike among miners has occurred at Nashville, the capital city of the State of Tennessee, U.S. Serious rioting has taken place during which the crowd rushed the City Gas and shutting down the doors, set at liberty two hundred convicts. By latest accounts order had not been restored. Nashville contains about forty-four thousand inhabitants.

Another big strike has occurred among the railway workmen and others at Buffalo City, on Lake Erie, in the State of New York. The strikers wrecked several trains and robbed the passengers and committed other outrages, and the city, with its 175,000 inhabitants, was rendered a scene of uproar and confusion. The Government proclaimed martial law throughout

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TWO DIRECTORS.

The announcement that bankruptcy proceedings were to be taken against two of the late directors of the New Oriental Bank, in respect to advances made to them, has, says the *Financial News* of August 3rd, given rise to much comment and some speculation in the City. It is no secret who are the two gentlemen concerned, but it would be improper to mention names at present, since the liquidator was fit to withhold them in his official notification. The decision at which the committee has arrived is generally regarded as a proper one, and we are quite sure its members share in the regret universally felt that it should be necessary to take such steps in regard to one of the two persons concerned on account of his advanced age and unquestioned loyalty to the bank. Against neither is there any charge of *malfeasance*, but it is certainly desirable, in the interests of the shareholders and the creditors of the New Oriental Bank, that the circumstances under which advances were made to these directors should be made public.

It may not be generally known and is deserving of mention in this connection, that certain people connected with the bank have sustained very heavy losses through a local endeavour to rehabilitate its credit by buying shares. Like the man who saw his way to trying to stop a locomotive, "we don't think much of their judgment, but we do admire their pluck," and, we may add, we sincerely regret the unfortunate result of the well-meant endeavours.

THE LOTTERY ACT IN CEYLON.

A COLOMBO MAGISTRATE TAKES SENSE.

Two men belonging to Singapore started a "Jubilee Raffle" at a recent Colombo meeting and were promptly arrested by the police. On being brought before the magistrate (a gentleman who is known as "The Sporting Magistrate") his Worship said he regretted to have to fine the defendants *one rupee* apiece.

His Worship then proceeded to make the following remarks, which we commend to the attention of all those who are engaged in the present *Hongkong Gambling Ordinance*:

"I say that my sympathies are with the accused, as it seems to me to be unfair and invidious for the Police to charge two strangers engaged in what appears to have been a comparatively harmless, though undoubtedly unlawful game of chance, and to allow other forms of unlawful gaming, of a much more serious nature than the staking of a rupee on the hazard of dice, to proceed unchecked on the race course."

"If it is desired by authorities to put down all unlawful gaming, it appears to me that it would be much more in consonance with the strict principles of justice to have first charged those who are notoriously engaged every day in a much wider form of what I believe, by the law of the land, to be unlawful gaming, and who occupy a much higher social position and are far better able to defend themselves than these unfortunate defendants."

"The gaming laws, if enforced at all, should be enforced against the rich as well as against the poor, and the spectacle of the military engaged in keeping order over and conducting the Turf Club Totalisator, at which the wealthiest and the most influential in the land are engaged, at one corner of Galle Face, and of the Police seizing an innocent game of chance indulged in by those who have only a rupee or two to risk on another corner, cannot be very edifying to the natives of the island."

"I confess myself that I see no harm whatever in a totalisator or in a game of chance, conducted on an open green in a fair and open manner, and unless until there is any suspicion of foul play or danger of angry persons being excited, I do not think they should be interfered with. There is no suggestion of anything of the kind here, and I therefore, think the accused would have been better let alone. If, however, the Police authorities desire to enforce the law on the race course it would, I repeat, be more consistent and courageous on their part to stop gaming at the fountain head instead of cutting it off at an insignificant trickle from it."

HOME NEWS AND GOSSIP.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, August 6th, 1892.

Many papers state that H. R. H. the Duke of York will shortly become officially engaged to Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. I do not say that this may not eventually prove true, but I do not believe any one as yet knows anything at all certain about the future royal marriage. People wish the Duke of York to marry and therefore draw largely on their imaginations as to who will be the future wife. At one time it was rumoured that the Duke was attached to his cousin, Princess Marie of Edinburgh; the absurdity of this statement has now been proved. I think. At present although everyone hopes Princess Mary of Teck may be chosen, it is wise to leave any certain statement until things are more settled and can be stated with more authority.

The contemplated change in the Government of the United Kingdom is already accompanied by too many incidents in complete keeping with it and too many corresponding expressions of foreign opinion for the connection to be without significance. The Russian re-occupation of the Pamirs up to the Hindoo Koosh, after the settlement of last year, which is telegraphed this morning, certainly comes at as well timed a moment in relation to English politics as if it had been calculated upon and waited for. The *Dukh*, in commenting upon the German Embassy's visit to England, points out the characteristic subordination, by the party which is in sight of power, of all foreign questions to schemes of reform, and it draws the moral that Mr. Gladstone will not maintain cordial relations with all his neighbours. But there are at the very least two ways of maintaining cordial relations, and one of them is the thoroughly Gladstonian method of letting one's neighbours do what they please. The relations, continues the *Dukh*, between England and France can only be changed in the sense of improvement.

"Improvement, that is to say, of course, from the strictly French point of view; and in like manner the Government of the Car may, with equal justice anticipate improved relations from the Russian point of view. It is impossible to question the accuracy of observation which recognises in the return of a Gladstonian majority the psychological moment for recovering lost advantages."

It is understood that the visit of the German Emperor is without political significance.

the county, and a force of thirty thousand troops, with a number of Gatling guns, was despatched from New York City to restore order. The unionists were generally armed, and some severe fighting took place before the slots were suppressed, numbers of men being killed and wounded on either side. The affair, taken in conjunction with the recent sanguinary and desperate collision at Pittsburgh, has excited a general feeling of insecurity and uneasiness throughout the United States.

It could scarcely be of any—all the information that our visitor could bestow upon Lord Salisbury's successor or successors would be that if England depended upon the Triple Alliance for protection from Russian movements outside Europe, she is miserably mistaken. In Asia she must trust to herself. Russia, as long as she does not disturb the peace of Europe, may do elsewhere whatever she will or can, but if the Emperor does not come in the character of an instructor in matters which do not concern him, he is never obtrusive than an exceedingly acute observer and what he may now observe will assuredly not lead him to a more cordial acceptance of his great ex-Chancellor's recent utterances at Iena. Prince Blumarsch has become an enthusiastic convert to party Government, and an apostle of those parliamentary majorities which he was wont, when in power, to ignore and condemn. The present spectacle of a parliamentary majority which we present to the Emperor is not of a nature to attract his admiration. He sees the Government of a Great Empire, far greater than his own and infinitely more complicated in all its affairs and relations, at the mercy of a bundle of factions, and of a weak leader whose reappearance on the scene is the signal for congratulations and even for action on the part of that Empire's enemies.

Sir Edward Maik and some individuals who formerly filled his call fill their pockets with unearned profit, propose to build a tunnel under the Channel to France. Our best military experts have declared that such a tunnel, if it could be made, would reduce us to the position of a Continental Power, with the need of a large army constantly ready to ward off attack. "No" reply the tunnel-men, "your Officers could not enter flood the tunnel." But, leaving out the case of corruption or treachery, what officer could be trusted to have the nerve to destroy some twenty millions of property at his sole discretion? We should, if this tunnel existed, be liable to constant invasion parties, involving us in Gladstonian votes of credit. To say that such a tunnel would only be "a waste of its cost" is a minor reproach, though it is equally true. It is difficult after the experience of Mont Cenis and St. Gothard to imagine that a tunnel of more than twice the length of either of these could be endurable for passengers. And what profits could be made out of transport that would give a return of at least millions that the tunnel would cost? Sir E. Maik's pocket railways, the South Eastern especially, would doubtless conspire with the foreign lines to undersell the sea-route. They would perhaps carry goods at a loss until they had turned our Channel shipping out. They would, however, then raise their rates so that freight would be prohibitive for all but small and valuable goods. Their own shareholders would find themselves without profits, the nation would find that it had destroyed its shipping, a source of wealth and the nursery of its seamen, and had gained nothing in return. By this time Sir E. Maik, like the Grand Old Dividend, would be either a hundred and twenty years old or in a sphere in which dividends would not concern him.

Mr. Ralph Coningsby Disraeli, the new member for Altrincham Division of Cheshire, of whom Conservative prints prophesy great things (and who actually saying that his uncle Lord Beaconsfield, the wealth he inherited "Bequeathed him to the nation") was a rank failure at Oxford, exhibiting none of that wondrous talent with which some folks, probably on account of his name, seem so eager to credit him. He entered first at New College, where he displayed marked ability as a bungler and comic singer, attaining great distinction among his fellow undergraduates by virtue of these meritorious accomplishments. But, unfortunately, the "Dons" do not recognise comic songs and French imitations as serious fittings for a University honours, and finding that Mr. Ralph Coningsby Disraeli steadfastly declined the laurels entailed by the usual curriculum, New College was tearfully obliged to disperse with the lad, the name bestowed upon it. Charley's Hall afterwards had him upon its books, but here again his music hall accomplishments were at a discount, and he eventually left Oxford with anything but a reputation for ability as a scholar. He has a flashy, but salvation, army, and a cheap Jack style of speaking, which, however, it may please uneducated village yokels is hardly likely to excite anything but derision in the House of Commons, and when those who know him hear of his writing for the newspapers the question naturally arises in their minds, "who's the Ghost? Altogether Mr. Ralph Coningsby Disraeli's claim to distinction is at present his name and nothing more.

KOREA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Chempoo, August 18th.

Of course you know that venerable party to be found in every well constituted community "the oldest resident." The one in our do not remember so hot a summer, as the present one in all his time, which is a pretty lengthy one.

Our crops have nearly perished from the terrible heat, but they are looking fair and promising, while the Chollado crops are reported to be splendid. While treating on the topic of heat I may mention that quite a trade in ice deals has sprung up, and many are the stores and shops retailing local lemonade and other beverages; the streets and windows are tastefully ornamented by evergreens, ribbons and paper lanterns, while fair daisies from Dai Nippon are served in the hotels, and "water fair" *Yakusha* are saying their instruments and singing their songs, the whole picture reminding the beholder of anything but a season of trade, or depression of silver, the fun going on looking much more like a *fête* from the Arabian Nights than anything else. Ice cream, and quite delicious stuff, is also being constantly hawked about the settlement, the hawkers' shrill voices being heard almost night and day, and when they had a customer at two cents a cup they are quite prepared and glad to retail the gossip of the day at the same time gratis.

The charter of the Norwegian steamer *Barkish* *Harvick* will expire at the end of the month, and two Japanese boats have been chartered in her place to carry on our traffic with the non-treaty ports. The Norwegian is under foreign management and the petty native mandarins who are doing duty as supercargoes on board, cannot claim on the same rights and privileges as the same amount of supercargoes and stevedores as they can on board of packets run by their fellow Asiatics.

The southern gold-mines are again full swing, I understand, but none of the proceeds has been coined yet in our mint; the 130,000 yen advanced by the Japanese to erect the buildings here have been filched and dribbled away somehow or other, and I presume that will be an end of it.

Seoul has a printing press now, under foreign management. Here we had a printing press long ago, but it is now under Japanese management. The other day a Chempoo store-keeper sent an express to Seoul to be printed, but his surprise was great when he saw it in print; all the wares, liquors and beer were struck out from his list. That may be all right from one point of view, but certainly business-like it can hardly be called. I believe the "mill" is run by a missionary, and it may go against his grain to print such terrible words, like the American Missionaries in Shanghai

who refused to accept \$100 for charitable purposes because the sum was part of the proceeds of a concert. Curious people! Why don't they advertise point blank "this press in run on temperance principles?"

A terrible tragedy happened here on the 14th instant; it appears that a *Yakusha* (yamèn runner) who at the same time was serving his country as a militia man, had taken some years ago a second wife, his first good lady having the misfortune of not presenting him with a male descendant. His two "better halves" could but ill agree together, so their lord and master sent Mrs. No. 1 about her business, whereupon she went to live in some other district. But unfortunately the second venture proved as unlucky as the first, which caused great deal of ill-feeling and quarrelling, and one fine day his youthful lady-love leaved out too, but without Mr. *Yakusha*'s permission. A few days ago he was on duty, with the militia drilling at Hsiao, when he evidently got full of sweet wine, and on returning home, found the place thronged, and set on fire his old "flame" and first love again, which he did. But she would not be persuaded to have another trial at sharing matrimonial life with him, which angered him to such an extent that he hammered away at her with the butt-end of his match-lock, and the poor woman died a couple of hours later, and the brutal treatment. The people of her district carried the corpse to the house of her former husband, but his clan sided with him, and the boy was evicted, because the unfortunate woman had not died there. A free fight took place, and the matter remaining undecided, the body was placed on a hill side, once a kind of neutral ground, awaiting the decision of the magistrate. The brutal husband in the meantime awaits his doom in the cage with his fall in the stocks, and his wife's plan of death. Such is one phase of conjugal life in Korea, but happily, it is an exception. Korean punishments are very cruel, and it is doubtful whether the miserable wretch, who murdered his self-divorced first wife, will survive the treatment which he is now undergoing; to see the day of his trial. —*Shanghai Mercury*.

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"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. THE Steamship "SIKH," Captain Rowley, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 11th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 9th September, 1892. [889]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship "FORMOSA," Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 12th instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 9th September, 1892. [909]

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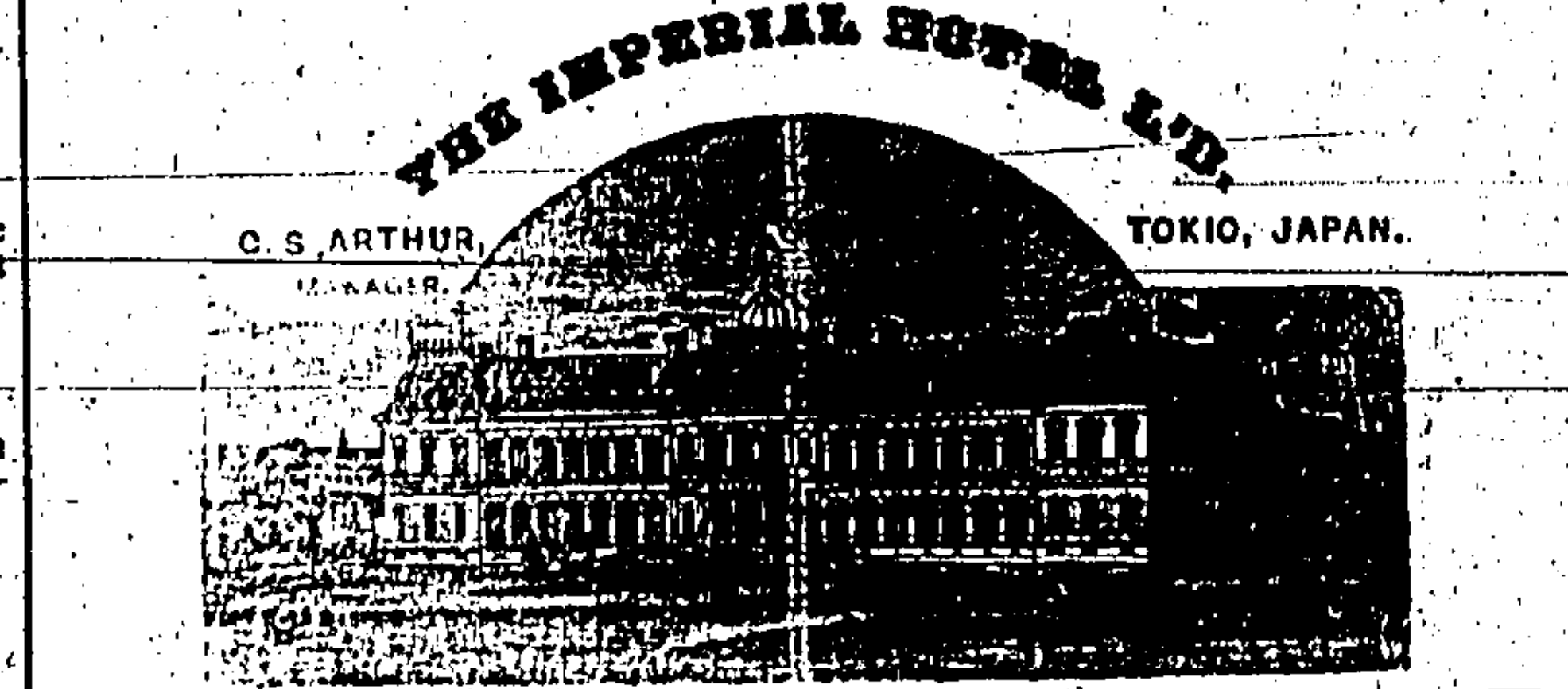
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T H E R. M. S.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA."
Lieut. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., Commander,
sailing at Noon on SATURDAY, the 10th
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RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).
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One Way Fares.	Prepaid return.
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Vancouver, Victoria, Esqui-			
mauk, New Westminster,			
B.C.	225	338	394
Port Townsend, Seattle, Ta-			
coma, Wash.			
Portland, Ore., San Francisco...			
Sanf Calgary, Alba	255	383	447
Winnipeg, Man	275	413	483
To Minneapolis, St. Paul,			
Duluth, Minn.	285	428	459

Chicago, Ill.	443	517
St. Louis, Mo.	443	517
Milwaukee, Wis.	443	517
Detroit, Mich.	443	517
Cincinnati, Ohio	443	517
Cleveland, Ohio	443	517
Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont.	443	517
Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.	443	517
Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Can.	443	517

New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y.	310	465	543
Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Pa.			
Washington, D. C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me.			
Hallifax, N.S., St. John, N.B.			
Liverpool and London via Li- verpool	345	575	650
Paris via Liverpool and Lon-			

don	345	not insured
Havr, via Liverpool	335	
Bremen,	345	
Hamburg,	335	

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THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.
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